

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 7 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the additional functional part comprises a probe of a water level sensor as recited in claim 6 or a suction tube of a liquid discharge as recited in claim 7.

The rejections of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, of claims 1-4, 9, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Glebovsky et al, US 5, 520,800, and of claims 1, 5, 8, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Pennebaker, US 2,103,434 are believed rendered moot by the amendments to claim 1.

The rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. No indefiniteness is seen in the phrase "said cover" in claim 8. The housing cover is the only cover recited in the claim, and the phrase "said cover" necessarily refers back to a previously recited cover. Therefore, the phrase as written unambiguously refers back to the housing cover, and the claim in its present form is clear and definite. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.


If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please

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charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #178/50052).

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Appendix showing amendments to claims with deletions in brackets and insertions underlined:

1. (Amended) A filter comprising a filter housing with an inlet and an outlet for a fluid to be filtered, a filter cartridge arranged in said housing so that fluid from said inlet must flow through said filter cartridge to reach said outlet, and an additional functional part; said filter cartridge comprising an annularly constructed filter medium arranged between two axial end plates, and wherein said filter medium of said filter cartridge is provided with a lateral recess for accommodating said additional functional part of said filter, and said additional functional part comprises a probe of a water level sensor or a suction tube of a liquid discharge.